

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATE AIR SERVICES ON INTERNATIONAL ROUTES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of private air services being run by various companies on the international routes in the country as a result of the open space policy;
- (b) the percentage of decrease in passengers and cargo of Indian Airlines during this period;
- (c) the extent to which the Indian Airlines have been adversely affected as a result thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Indian Airlines in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) Under the existing policy, domestic private operators are not permitted to operate passenger scheduled services on the International routes. M/s Lufthansa Cargo India was operating cargo flights to foreign destinations with the Scheduled Air Transport permit issued on 29th August, 1997 which was valid till 8th May, 2000. Thereafter, no request for the renewal of the permit has been received.

(b) and (c): Percentage increase/(decrease) in domestic passengers and cargo of Indian Airlines is as follows:-

Passenger Cargo

1997-98	1.0	1.6
1998-99	(5.4)	4.2
1999-2000	(4.8)	5.5

(d) Indian Airlines have taken various initiatives in the recent past to bring about improvement in this regard viz. executive class upgrades; improvement in the Departure Control System (check in) dissemination of flights information; tie up with Hoteliers, Tourism Development Corporations offering attractive holiday packages and improvement in the facilities offered and the Frequent Flier programme.